

HOUSE BILL 2790

By McDonald

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 16  
and Title 36, relative to grandparent rights.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-6-108, is amended by adding the following as a new subsections thereto:

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(1) For purposes of this section, "parent" shall also include a grandparent with visitation rights granted pursuant to § 36-6-306.

(2) Where a court is making a custody determination under subsection (e), and a party to the proceeding is a grandparent who has filed a petition in opposition, that grandparent has standing to petition the court for custody under this section and the court may award custody to the grandparent after consideration of the factors under subsection (e).

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.